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Installation of high-capacity coaxial cable facilities in Poland is proceeding at a rapid pace. When completed, these facilities not only will be of importance for the handling of conventional telephone, telegraph, and television traffic but also may be used for specialized missile-associated communications purposes.

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installation can be expected to begin shortly, if in fact it has not already begun. When installed, the cable likely will be of Polish origin, inasmuch as Poland is at present perhaps the major producer of four-tube coaxial cable among the European Satellites. Installation of cable, however, will not necessarily mean that line facilities will operate at their rated capacities other than for television transmission purposes.

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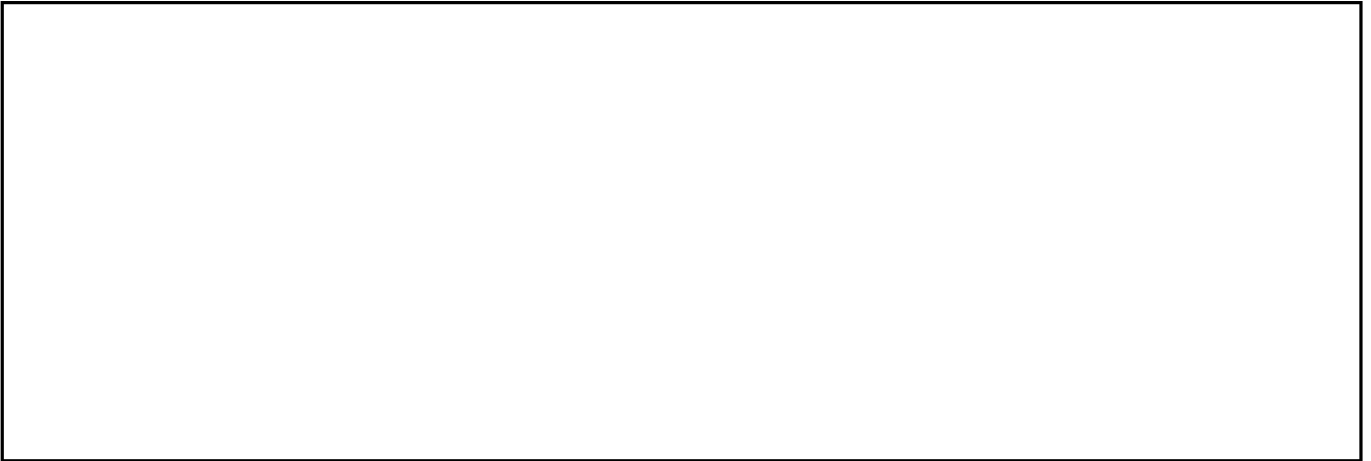
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Concurrent with the accelerated pace of coaxial cable construction activities, Poland also has been constructing at a rapid rate surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites of the SA-2 type. At present, 12 SAM sites have been identified, with 6 of these being in the Warsaw area and 3 each in the Katowice and Elblag areas. Although there is no firm evidence to suggest that these two developments are interrelated, it is conceivable that as new coaxial cable lines become operational in these areas, particularly Warsaw and Katowice, some capacity will be allocated to support the command-control communications needs of the SAM complexes throughout the country.

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already underway. Spur lines to the main coaxial line could be used to provide both lateral communications between SAM sites and vertical communications between them and the main air defense control center. Because these arterial facilities are part of a Bloc-wide network, they also could provide connections to air defense control centers in other Bloc countries.

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